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Applicant's or agent's file reference H1807-01	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>4</u> sheets.</p>	
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>	

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International application No.

PCT/JP2003/005966

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages 2-12, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 1, filed with the letter of 12 December 2003
- ☒ the claims:
 pages 3-7, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 1, 8, filed with the letter of 12 December 2003 (12.12.2003)
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages 1-10, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 2
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 3-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1, 3-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 3-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Documents:

The following documents were all cited in the international search report.

- Document 1: JP 2000-182579 A (Toshiba Battery Co., Ltd.), 30 June 2000
- Document 2: EP 1035597 A (Sony Corp.), 13 September 2000
- Document 3: EP 1033766 A1 (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 06 September 2000
- Document 4: EP 778627 A1 (Sony Corp.), 11 June 1997
- Document 5: EP 786821 A1 (Sony Corp.), 30 July 1997
- Document 6: JP 5-28978 A (Sony Corp.), 05 February 1993
- Document 7: JP 10-334871 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 18 December 1998

Explanation:

Claims 1 and 3-8 are novel and involve an inventive step in relation to the disclosures of any of documents 1-7. Documents 1-7 do not disclose or suggest the feature of integrally forming a plastic reinforcing frame and a pressed product that comprises a metallic foil material; nor do any of the documents disclose or suggest the effects that result therefrom.

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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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JP 2002-151021 A (E, A)	24 May 2002 (24.05.2002)	08 November 2000 (08.11.2000)	

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

<u>Kind of non-written disclosure</u>	<u>Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)</u>